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Chicago's Very Own: Steve 'Bucky' Butler

Steve 'Bucky' Butler is an 18-year-old who is not allowing Asberger's hold him back from accomplishing his dreams. He recently published a book and he plans to attend Tribeca Flashpoint Academy in the fall.

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Steven Butler has done something you might find amazing. This 18-year-old high school graduate has written and published a book.

"It took forever to write," Steven 'Bucky' Butler said, "Put it this way, I have been writing books since I was in kindergarten."

His book is called "The Lost Worlds of Buck Stevenson." 476 pages filled with dozens of quirky characters doing wacky things. A collection of far out stories he has been creating for years. All of it coming from his vivid imagination.



You share your dad's love of barbecues.

"I always look at it like I can think differently than others to the point where like my imagination I could just drift off and think about details and things that most people wouldn't even think of," Bucky said.

A book is quite an accomplishment, especially for a young man with Asperger's syndrome, a high functioning form of autism.

"I mean it's kind of like there are moments when my disorders feels like it's a curse, but there are moments when I fell like they make me unique," Bucky said.

Unique to say the least, Bucky as his family and friends call him, was diagnosed at a very young age.

But autism is not the only thing Bucky has had to deal with in his life.

"He was born with club feet and actually I had a terrible terrible pregnancy with him," his mother Jennifer Butler said, "I had three surgeries and then when he was born the cord was wrapped twice

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around his neck."

Because of his club feet, Doctors had to cast his legs every three to four days for the first year of his life.

"I just felt like out of the box he didn't get a fair shot," Jennifer added.

At times his disability would cause him to be violent toward his two sisters. He lives now with his father, Steven and his sister Nina with their mother. His sister Nikki lives abroad. "I am so proud of him and I don't even know how to express it," Nina said, "I mean, I always knew he had potential to be great."

"For the guy that you know didn't talk at first and then didn't read and certainly struggled writing cursive, yeah, having an author in the house was the last thing I think I expected" Steven said.

But being an author is just the first phase of Bucky's dream.

"My dream is to basically be the next Walt Disney," Bucky said, "I always wanted to do everything what I mean is I wanted to make films, I want to make T.V. shows."

Bucky and his family are hoping Perry Harovas and Tribeca Flashpoint Academy will help Bucky to materialize his dream of being the next Walt Disney.

"I would not put any limits on him. I wouldn't put any limits on anybody, I don't know, but he's already demonstrated that you know, he can crash traditional limits," Harovas said.

Bucky is scheduled to start classes at this film institute in the fall. He hopes learning animation will help him bring the characters in his book alive and someday become apart of his very own film.

"I think the sky's the limit, so to rule it out would be silly," Steven said.

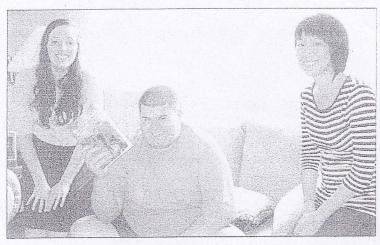
"If I ever get big enough, career wise, I wouldn't mind acting in my own stuff, which would be cool," Bucky said "I could think of so many characters I would want to play."

Indeed, for Bucky, the sky is the limit.

Steven 'Bucky' Butler, he is one of Chicago's Very Own

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UNACC Hall of Fame: Congratulations, Steven!



Steven signing a copy of his book for Lindsay and Jessie

Steven, known to his family and friends as "Bucky," has already achieved a lifelong dream at only eighteen years old: to be a published author. His book, The Lost Worlds of Buckstevenson, is 476 pages packed full of characters going on adventures in their respective worlds within the universe ruled by a god named Bucky. Steven will be starting classes at a digital media arts school in Chicago and hopes to become "the next Walt Disney." Lindsay and Jessie visited Steven during a recent trip

to Chicago to get their copy of the book autographed by the author himself. They asked Steven to share his thoughts on writing his

O: What inspired you to write the

A: I was inspired by a video game called Kingdom Hearts that used all the Disney characters to go on different adventures together. It made me think that I could imitate that concept using the many characters I have from all my stories.

O: What did you learn from writing the book?

A: I learned that I could come up with good book ideas and that this could be a possible career for me.

Q: Which character do you identify with the most?

A: The character that I identify most with is Spotty (the dog). He is the first character I ever created and I have modeled a lot of that character after myself. He is like the mascot or the most popular of all my characters. Kind of like Mickey Mouse is for Walt Disney:)

Q: What will be your next

A: I have so many characters and story ideas that I want to create. I have al- The cover of Steven's novel ready worked on a sequel to

The Lost World's of Buckstevenson. I want to try and publish another book based on some of the many stories I have already written. One of the books is Magic Wars and other books based just on my character Spotty.



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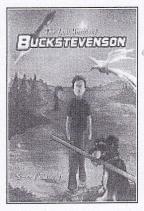
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Student Spotlight

This edition of the newsletter spotlights two of NCA's high school students. We hope you enjoy learning about the exciting accomplishments in their lives!

The Lost Worlds of Buckstevenson

By: Steven B.

Hello readers! You'll be the first to know publicly about the first book I'm publishing. Basically, I've been writing books and creating characters for a long time and now these stories are finally going to be read by a wide audience. My book is called *The Lost Worlds of Buckstevenson*, and it is about me going to a universe where my characters are real and they call me a god. I have to save them from the bad guys who want to turn my universe into nothing but darkness.

The reason I wanted the book to be mentioned in this newsletter is because I thought it would be inspirational for kids at New Connections Academy to know that they could do anything. *The Lost Worlds of Buckstevenson* is coming out very soon and you can preview and/or buy my book at www.authorhouse.com. I'm hoping that you'll be able to find this book at local bookstores. (You can help me by going to a book store and asking about my book to help generate interest in my book).

Preparing for Life after NCA...

By: Adam S.

I attend a technical college to work on landscape design and I plant ginkgo trees there. I am going to be graduating from NCA in a couple months. I might go to an independent living program in the future. I enjoy working as mentor. I'm knowledgeable about many different things. I am writing a science-fiction book and I hope to be an author in the future. I have shared an excerpt from one of my poems below.



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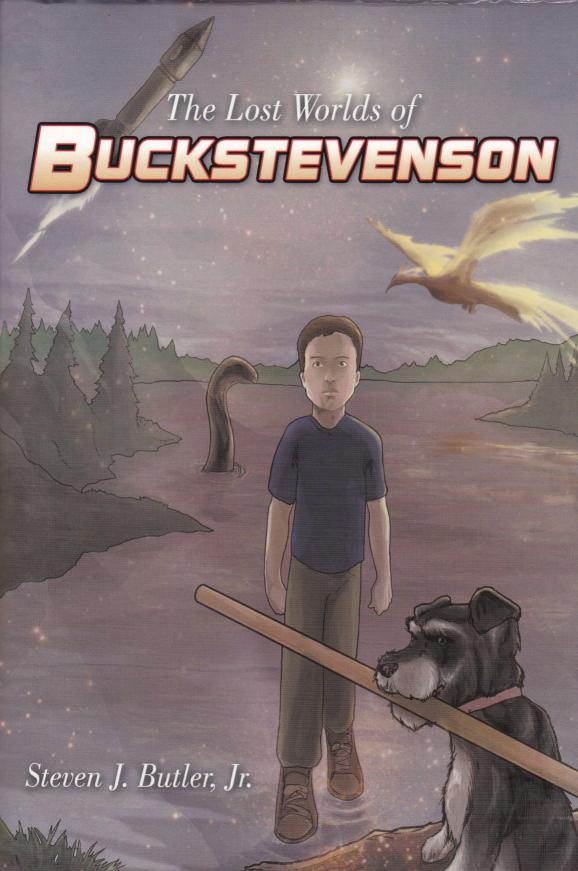
An Excerpt from The Color Book (A poem by Adam S.)



It starts with the letter O and it's big and huge as the sun lets have some fun and run.

It starts with the letter G and it is tall as tree huge as sea let's have some tea. It starts with the letter S and it shines like Tess it's big and heavy like a press that doesn't make a mess.

It starts with the letter L and it's like a bell you can tell by the smell.



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